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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

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The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed European Search Report dated August 28, 2006 from a corresponding Foreign National Application and the enclosed Office Action for corresponding Japanese Application No. 2003-084246.

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Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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